

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (PTO/SB/08a). A copy of each of the cited references is enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (PTO/SB/08a) be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to issuance of a first Office Action, and so is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due. If, however, the Commissioner determines otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited. No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement. However, if any fee is due the amount of such fee may be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

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